

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 14 through 25 are pending, with Claim 24 being independent. Claims 23 through 25 have been amended.

Claims 14 through 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, namely there “are no method steps within the claims”. These rejections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the amendment of Claims 23 through 25 in a manner earnestly believed to avoid the grounds of rejection, viz, the claims have been amended as kindly suggested in the Official Action to expressly recite a method step, namely a step of applying a liquid to a recording medium. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that nothing essential has been omitted. MPEP 2172.01. Furthermore, breadth does not constitute indefiniteness. MPEP 2173.04.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from the independent claim discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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